

Docket No.: 50212-168



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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
Toshiaki OKUNO : Confirmation Number: 1261  
Serial No.: 09/726,380 : Group Art Unit: 2633  
Filed: December 01, 2000 : Examiner: H. Phan  
For: OPTICAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM AND METHOD OF ASSIGNING SIGNAL CHANNELS

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Mail Stop Petition for Extension of Time  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2003, now due to expire November 30, 2003, be extended for two month(s) and set to expire on December 31, 2003.

Please charge the extension fee of \$420.00 to Deposit Account No. 500417. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.

Respectfully submitted,

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